

**TWO NOVICES.**  
Uncle—Well, Bobbie, I hear you're learning to swim.  
Bobbie—Yes, so are you, ain't you, uncle?  
Uncle—No, my lad. Why?  
Bobbie—Oh, I heard father say yesterday that you had a hard job to keep your head above water!—Punch.

**A LAW.**  
Husband—Dear me! Another gown.  
Wife—But it's only a little one, dear.  
Husband—Well, it's my experience that the less our clothes cover you, the more expensive they are.—Life.

Edith—Just think! Here's a New Thought professor who teaches that one can become beautiful by persistently thinking herself beautiful.  
Irene—Oh, pshaw! We could point out so many instances to the contrary.  
—January Smart Set.



Another club woman, Mrs. Haule, of Edgerton, Wis., tells how she was cured of irregularities and uterine trouble, terrible pains and backache, by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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—Mrs. MAY HAULE, Edgerton, Wis., Pres. Household Economics Club.  
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**CONSUMPTION**

## HANDLING NEW YORK'S IMMENSE IMPORTS OF TEAS

**E**VER since our doughty forefathers tumbled King George's chests of East India tea into Boston Harbor—and thereby started a revolution—the American people have been very partial to the aromatic beverage. It has been estimated that this year nearly 100,000,000 pounds of the eastern leaf will be brewed in various parts of our land.



WEIGHING AND SAMPLING TEAS FOR GOVERNMENT INSPECTION.

The shy Mongolian was wont, in times gone by, to send us all sorts of dried things for tea—dried leaves of any old plant, with plenty of bluestone or soapstone sprinkled on to give color, and a few decayed tea leaves thrown in for conscience sake—until Congress took a hand in the matter in 1897 and directed the Secretary of the Treasury to appoint a board of tea experts, to consist of eight men learned in tea growth, who were to determine standards of quality.

Last year there were thirteen standards decided on. These, of course, were of as low a grade of tea as they thought should be imported into this country. Any tea which the inspector deems below the standard is rejected. The importer—or would-be importer—is ordered to remove the stuff from "the land of the free." If he fails to do so in six months it is destroyed—history thereby repeating itself.

In the office of the tea inspector—where the kettle is always chirruping cheerily—in the assessors' storehouse, Washington and Christopher streets, high on a shelf, sit the stern tea tribunal—thirteen austere judges, clad in judicial robes of tin.

The taster selects three samples, which have come in for examination, and takes them to a big round table with a revolving top. Beside each sample he places a standard—Oolong beside Oolong, Ceylon by Ceylon, Japanese by Japanese, and so on. Before each sample and each standard he puts a handleless cup—the kind they give us to drink from in Chinatown—and into each he places exactly the weight of a half dime of tea. The table is revolved around, and an attendant pours in boiling water. When tea is boiled it draws out the tannin, so the taster is careful only to steep it. After four



UNLOADING A CARGO OF TEA.

minutes he begins the examination. The dregs are lifted up on a long spoon and smelled. That is generally sufficient to the sensitive olfactory nerves of the experienced inspector. If he is not satisfied with this, however, he takes a thoughtful sip, holds it in his mouth for a few moments, and spits it out. "Why, if we should swallow all the tea we taste in a day," one of them said, "it would kill us."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

England's National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children now has 900 centers of work in operation, fifty having been added last year.

## SHIPPING LIVE FISH Getting Sea Food to the Residents of the Inland Cities.

There was recently reference made in these columns to the proposition which has been lately agitated, looking to the furnishing of fish from the Pacific Ocean to the residents of the cities of the Atlantic Coast. The originator of this subject claimed that it was entirely feasible to take the fish from the waters of the Pacific, and while they were yet alive freeze them in blocks of ice, and in this form ship them across the continent. On their

internal arrangement of the car, the jacketed wooden body of which, forty-one feet in length, nine feet in width and 9.34 in height, is supported by an iron frame 42.6 feet in length and nine feet in width. This body is divided into three compartments, one containing the tanks, another the engine for driving the pumps, and the third the pump itself.

The tanks, twenty-four in number, are placed in two rows of twelve each along the sides of the car, and separated by a longitudinal passageway. Each of the tanks is connected, by means of a small pipe, with a conduit

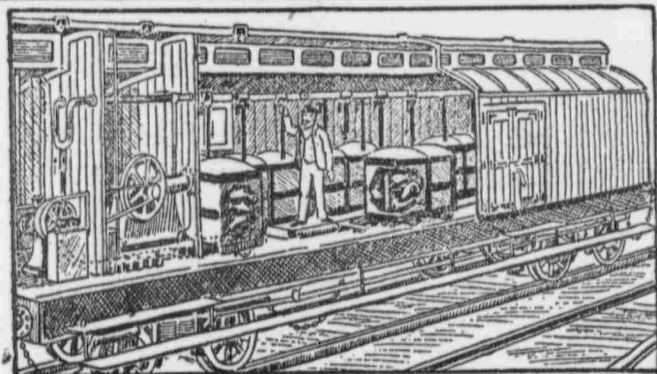


TRANSPORTATION OF LIVE FISH.

placed on a level with the floor and divided into two parts; connected in front and ending through one pipe in common at the pump. This latter forces the water into a pipe placed at the upper part of the car above the tanks. Upon this pipe, opposite each tank, are three branches consisting of vertical tubes provided at the lower part with nozzles through which the water is introduced into the tanks at

arrival at the Eastern markets the fish were to be thawed out, whereupon they would be restored to their former activity and would be sold alive. The success of this plan is said to be wholly dependent on the manner of the freezing and the subsequent thawing out operations which, if performed properly, would not do the fish the slightest injury.

The subject has the greatest interest



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especially to the residents of the inland cities, who in this, or some similar manner, would be enabled to enjoy the luxury of fresh fish, whereas at present they are limited to the canned varieties.

This problem has been successfully met by a Berlin merchant, Herr Krantz, who has designed and is operating a car by which he is enabled to place before his customers live fish from the Mediterranean. This is described as follows in a recent issue of the French publication, La Nature,

an inch or so above the level of the liquid. Each of the tanks, of a capacity of 132 gallons, is capable of holding 330 pounds of fish, which makes a total capacity for the twenty-four tanks of 7920 pounds. The tanks are closed at the upper part by a rounded cover of galvanized iron, containing an aperture for the passage of the nozzle.

## A DRIPLESS TEACUP.

No Longer Need One Soil Cloth or Clothes.

An improvement in teacups has been patented by an English jewelry concern, and consists of a serrated eight-pointed base instead of a continuous rim, as ordinarily used. The patentees call it the "dripless teacup," as, owing



NO DRIP FROM THIS CUP'S BOTTOM.

to the fact that the bottom of the cup does not touch the saucer, no liquid that may be spilled will be carried up when the cup is lifted. The illustration herewith is taken from the Jeweler and Metalworker, of London.

## The Brute.

At a recent divorce trial in Topeka, Kansas, brought by the wife, the husband introduced seven doctors, who swore that, although the wife had long pretended to be sick, there was nothing the matter with her. The husband swore that he had spent \$18,000 in doctor bills. The jurymen gave the wife everything the husband had; they said he was brutal.—Atchison Globe.

**A SCANDAL NEEDED.**  
Gladys—If Mrs. Playfair is so happy with her husband, why is she getting a divorce?  
Elsie—Because she dreads the faces of their prosaic agreement coming out in the society papers. It would be such a scandal, you know!—Brooklyn Life.

**AS IT IS IN KANSAS.**  
When a woman gives a series of parties she has to invite girls of sixteen to every one, or women of sixty will get mad, thinking that she has bunched them together as "old folks"—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

## New Tourist Sleeping Car Line to California.

Commencing December 9th, the Frisco System will inaugurate through Pullman tourist sleeping car service between Birmingham, Ala., and San Francisco, California. Cars will leave Birmingham at 10:20 p. m. every Tuesday, and will be routed via the Frisco System to Kansas City, Rock Island System to Pueblo, Denver and Rio Grande and Rio Grande Western to Ogden and Southern Pacific to San Francisco.

Requests for reservations should be addressed to W. T. SAUNDERS, General Agent Passenger Department, corner Pryor and Decatur Streets, Atlanta, Ga.

## Mechanical "Printer's Devils."

A "printer's devil" is to the lay mind the errand boy who comes for copy and brings proof. In reality he is nothing of the kind; a "printer's devil" is a roller cleaner, and at the end of the run or day he washes the ink from the composition rollers and puts them in boxes. Heretofore hand work has been used, probably because no satisfactory machine for doing the work had been invented. Now, however, a mechanical washer has been devised which will clean the rollers of eight-teen presses.—From the Special Number of the Scientific American, dated Nov. 14 and devoted to "Modern Aids to Printing."

## An Engaging Man.

"There was a drummer took sick and died here, three weeks ago," said the landlord of the tavern at Polkville, Arkansas. "He was a thick-set, guitar-playin' sort of feller, and the girl he was engaged to marry came over from Torpidville to attend the funeral; also from Waupsey; also from Peapack; also from Tonganoxie; also from somers in Kansas, and some place up in Missouri. Seem' how many there was of 'em, they put away their engagement rings, and, aggeratively speakin', organized a new society, and invented a yell. And it was a pretty durned expressive one, too, lemme tell you!"—January Smart Set.

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